

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-33, 35-53 and 55 are rejected. Claim 54 is withdrawn from consideration. Claim 11 is objected to. Claims 1, 9-12, 14-16, 42 and 45-47 have been amended. Claims 8, 13, 34, 43, and 44 have been canceled. Claims 1-4, 7, 9-12, 14-33, 35-42, 45-53 and 55 are presently pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The basis for the amendment of claim 1 is found in claim 1, 8, 13, 43, and 44 as originally filed. The basis of the remaining amended claims is found in these claims as originally filed.

Claim Objections:

The Examiner has objected to Claim 11 because the term "carboxylic acid" is repeated in line 3. Claim 11 has been amended to remove one of the terms.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a):

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 8-10, 12, 35, 43, 45, and 47-53 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glazer et al. (WO 00/61282, Oct. 19, 2000) in view of Sutton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,714,340, Feb. 3, 1998), Yao et al. (U.S. PG Pub. No. US 2003/0100086 A1, filed May 30, 2001), and Obana (U.S. Patent No. 4,605,686, Aug. 12, 1986). Claim 1 has been amended to include claims 13 and 44, thereby overcoming the present rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a):

The Examiner has rejected Claims 11, 13, 14-24, 27-30, 32, 33, 36-42, 44, 46, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glazer et al. (WO 00/61282, Oct. 19, 2000) in view of Sutton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,714,340, Feb. 3, 1998), Yao et al. (U.S. PG Pub. No. US 2003/0100086 A1, filed May 30, 2001), and Obana (U.S. Patent No. 4,605,686, Aug. 12, 1986), and in light of Pierce et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,258,001, Mar. 24, 1981). Claim 1 has been amended to include claims 8 and 43, thereby overcoming the present rejection.

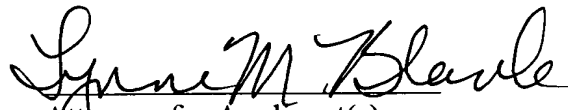
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a):

The Examiner has rejected Claims 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glazer et al. (WO 00/61282, Oct. 19, 2000) in view of Sutton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,714,340, Feb. 3, 1998), Yao et al. (U.S. PG Pub. No. US 2003/0100086 A1, filed May 30, 2001), and Obana (U.S. Patent

No. 4,605,686, Aug. 12, 1986) as applied to claims 13, 16, and 17 above, and further in view of Ogawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,548,869, Oct. 22, 1985). Claims 25 and 26 benefit from dependence on claim 1, which, as discussed above, Applicants believe to be patentable.

It is believed that the foregoing is a complete response to the Office Action and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be admitted in order to present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

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